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HIS Majesties Privy Council here have made the following Act, concerning the Test.

FOraſmuch as ſome have entertained Jealouſies and Prejudices againſt the Oath and Test appointed to be taken by all Perſons in Publick Truſt, Civil, Eccleſiaſtick or Military in this Kingdom, by the Sixth Act of His Majeſties Third Parliament, as if thereby they were to Swear to every Propoſition or Clauſe of the Confeſſion of Faith therein mentioned, or that Invaſion were made by it upon the Intrinſick Spiritual Power of the Church, or Power of the Keys; or as if the preſent Epiſcopal Government of this National Church by Law Eſtabliſhed, were thereby expoſed to the hazard of Alteration or Subverſion; all which are far from the Intention or Deſign of the Parliaments impoſing this Oath, and from the Genuine Senſe and Meaning thereof: Therefore His Royal Highneſs, His Majeſties High Commiſſioner, and the Lords of the Privy Council, do allow, authorize and impower the Archbiſhops and Biſhops, to adminiſter this Oath and Teſt to the Miniſters in their reſpective Dioceſſes, in this expreſs Senſe, as the Senſe of the Parliament. I. That though the Confeſſion of Faith ratified in Parliament 1567. was framed in the Infancy of our Reformation, and deſerves its due praiſe; yet by the Teſt we do not Swear to every Propoſition or Clauſe therein contained, but only to the true Proteſtant Religion founded on the Word of God, contained in that Confeſſion as it is oppoſed to Popery and Phanaticiſm. II. That by the Teſt, or any Clauſe therein contained, no Invaſion or Incroachment is made or intended upon the Intrinſick Spiritual Power of the Church, or Power of the Keys, as it was exerced by the Apoſtles, and the moſt Pure and Primitive Church in the firſt three Centuries after Chriſt, and which is ſtill reſerved intirely to the Church. III. That the Oath and Teſt is without any prejudice to the Epiſcopal Government of this National Church, which is declared by the firſt Act of the ſecond Seſſion of His Majeſties firſt Parliament, to be moſt agreeable to the Word of God, and moſt ſuitable to Monarchy, and which upon all occaſions His Majeſty hath declared He will inviolably and unalterably preſerve. And do appoint the Archbiſhops and Biſhops to require the Miniſters in their reſpective Dioceſſes, with their firſt conveniency, to Obey the Law in Swearing and Subſcriving the foreſaid Oath and Teſt; with Certification that the Refuſers ſhall be eſteemed Perſons diſaffected to the Proteſtant Religion, and to His Majeſties Government; and that the puniſhment appointed by the foreſaid ſixth Act of His Majeſties third Parliament, ſhall be impartially and without delay inflicted upon them.

Hamburgh, November 18. The Letters from *Berlin* aſſure us, That an Allyance is lately concluded between the Electors of *Brandenburg* and *Saxony*, by which they promiſe mutually to defend and aſſiſt each other, and for that purpoſe to bring into the Field, when they ſhall be thereunto required, an Army of 20000 Men. The Plague is much abated at *Maegdeburg*, ſo that there dyes not now above 12 or 14 in a day. From *Stockholme* we have an Account, of an ill Accident that had happened to the King, he having broke his Leg, and much bruiſed himſelf by a fall from his Horſe.

Bruſſels, Nov. 21. The great preparations which the French make in our neighborhood, afford us ſtill matter of jealouſie; but our Governor the Prince of *Parma* has ſo well provided our Frontier Garriſons, that they are, we hope, in no danger of a ſurprize. The Deputies of the Admiralties of *Holland* have adjuſted the Account of Moneys owing to them by the King of *Spain*, for the Equipages they made for the ſervice of that Crown during the laſt War. On Wedneſday laſt arrived here an Expreſs, ſent by the Governor of *Audenard*, to give his Highneſs an Account, that about 50 or 60 of the new raiſed *Germans* that are in Garriſon there, had mutined, on pretence that they wanted their Pay, and that they had with their Arms in their hands, forced their paſſage through the Guard at one of the Gates, with deſign to go over to the French; but that the Governor upon the firſt notice he had of the diſorder, got on Horſeback, and followed them with a ſmall Party, and having overtaken them, killed 4 or 5 upon the place, and brought the reſt back to *Audenard*; It is ſaid that every tenth man of them will be hanged. From *Vienna* we have the good News, that the Tranſylvanians had raiſed the Siege of *Zatmar*.

Hague, November 22. The Anſwer of the States to the Memorial, preſented by the French Ambaſſador on the Eighth Inſtant, does not, as we are informed, pleaſe him; and he has told ſome of the States, That the King his Maſter will not take well their having made that Allyance with the King of *Sweden*. From *Germany* they write, That the Emperor was about ſending an Envoy to the Elector of *Saxony*, and to other Electors and Princes of the Empire, to propoſe to them a League for the Defence of the Empire, and the maintaining the Peace of *Weſtphalia* and *Nimeguen*; and that there was a report that a particular Allyance was Negotiating between the Electors of *Brandenburg* and *Saxony*, and the Houſe of *Lunenburg*, for their Mutual Defence and Preſervation. And, this State, that it may not be wanting in making a Neceſſary Proviſion for its ſafety, has reſolved to add 10 Men, or 20 if there be occaſion, to every Company now in its Service. The Letters from *Liege* ſay, They doubt not but they ſhall be able in a ſhort time to tell us, That all Differences between their Prince and them are compoſed.

Whitehal, Nov. 16. The following Addreſs was Preſented to His Majeſty by Colonel *Broxholme*, who ſerved as Burgeſs for that Corporation in the laſt Parliaments.

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